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The Honorable Lionel H. Olmer  
Undersecretary of Commerce  
for International Trade  
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
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Dear Lionel:

One of my economic analysts [redacted] is pursuing a program of independent research on the issue of countertrade under the auspices of the Intelligence Directorate's Advanced Analyst Development Program.

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The culmination of [redacted] program will be to spend a six-month rotation with Mr. James Walsh of your Office of Trade Finance to gain exposure to the policymaking process as it concerns countertrade. [redacted] would like to begin his tour with Commerce Department early in March. Such a rotation with your department would broaden [redacted] analytical expertise on important trade policy issues and provide him with a better understanding of both U.S. and Soviet bloc approaches to countertrade. The Intelligence Directorate, of course, would provide all funding and administrative support for [redacted] assignment at Commerce Department.

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Robert M. Gates

Deputy Director for Intelligence

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The Honorable Lionel H. Olmer

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